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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - EXTRA SECTION FLIGHTS

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1. DEPARTMENT AGREES TIME HAS COME TO MAKE GOOD ON OUR REPEATED IMPLICATIONS THAT US WILL HAVE TO REQUIRE PRIOR APPROVAL OF ALITALIA EXTRA SECTION FLIGHTS. PROCEDURALLY, THIS REQUIRES THAT CAB FIND THAT GOI HAS, OVER OBJECTIONS OF USG, TAKEN ACTION WHICH DENIES US RIGHTS PROVIDED FOR IN BILATERAL AGREEMENT. IN ORDER ESTABLISH THIS BASIS AND GIVE CIVILAVIA ONE MORE OPPORTUNITY TO BACK OFF, DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS EMBASSY NOTE TO FONOFF ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

A. ITALIAN AUTHORITIES ARE AWARE OF ATTEMPTS BY EMBASSY TO RESOLVE QUESTION OF EXTRA SECTION FLIGHTS BY AIRLINES. REGRETTABLY, HOWEVER, THE POLICY OF CIVILAVIA, WHICH IS TO DISAPPROVE EXTRA SECTION FLIGHTS BY US AIRLINES IF ALITALIA ALLEGES IT HAS THE CAPABILITY OF CARRYING THE TRAFFIC, HAS NOT CHANGED, AS WITNESSED

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BY RECENT DISAPPROVAL OF TWO EXTRA SECTIONS OF PAN AM.

B. THE USG MUST REGARD THAT THE DISAPPROVAL OF REQUESTS BY US AIRLINES TO OPERATE EXTRA SECTION FLIGHTS IS INCONSISTENT WITH ARTICLE 9(E) OF THE US-ITALY AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT OF JUNE 22, 1970, AND THAT SUCH

DISAPPROVALS ARE OVER THE OBJECTIONS OF THE USG.

C. IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, THE US AUTHORITIES ARE RECOMMENDING THAT ALITALIA BE REQUIRED TO FILE REQUESTS FOR EXTRA SECTION FLIGHTS FOR APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL ON THE BASIS OF RECIPROCITY.

2. PARA 1(C) ABOVE INTENTIONALLY LEAVES AN OPENING FOR GOI TO BACK DOWN.

3. PAN AM/TWA/ALITALIA CAPACITY AGREEMENT DOES NOT COVER ALL-CARGO FLIGHTS AND HENCE THERE IS NO AIRLINE UNDERSTANDING ON CARGO EXTRA SECTIONS. INGERSOLL

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